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(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 09- ODE AND CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS

(2019 Admissions)

: Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

General Instructions

In cases where choices are provided, students can attend all questions in each section.

The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section / Part shall remain the same.

There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section / Part.

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Show that $x = 1$ is a regular singular point of the equation $x^2(x^2 - 1)^2 y'' - x(1 - x)y' + 2y = 0$.

2. Show that $\cos x = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} F\left(a, a, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-x^2}{4a^2}\right)$.

3. Use Rodrigue's formula to obtain $P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$.

4. Show that $J_{-m}(x) = (-1)^m J_m(x)$ for any non-negative integer m .

5. Describe the phase portrait of the system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x, \frac{dy}{dt} = 0.$$

6. Show that $(0, 0)$ is an asymptotically stable critical point for the system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x^3 - y, \frac{dy}{dt} = x^5 - 2y^3.$$

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7. Verify whether $f(x, y) = y^{1/2}$ satisfies a Lipschitz condition on the rectangle $|x| \leq 1, |y| \leq 1$.
8. Find the extremal for the integral $I = \int_0^1 [y^2 - (y')^2] dx$.

Part B

Answer any **two** questions from each of the following 3 units.
Each question carries 2 weightage.

Unit I

9. Express $\sin^{-1}(x)$ in the form of a power series by solving the equation $y' = (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ two ways.
10. Determine the nature of the point $x = x_0$ for Legendre's equation $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$ where p is a constant.
11. Let $f(x)$ be a function defined on the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Determine the polynomial of degree n that minimizes the integral $I = \int_{-1}^1 [f(x) - p(x)]^2 dx$.

Unit II

12. Show that between any two positive zeros $J_0(x)$ there is a zero of $J_1(x)$ and that between two positive zeros of $J_1(x)$ there is a zero of $J_0(x)$.
13. Determine the nature and stability properties of the critical point $(0, 0)$ for the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x + 4y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 3y$.
14. Show that $(0, 0)$ is a simple critical point for the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = x + y - 2xy, \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + y - 2y^2$ determine its nature and stability properties.

Unit III

15. Consider the initial value problem $y' = 2x(1+y), y(0) = 0$, starting with $y_0(x) = 0$, apply Runge-Kutta method to calculate $y_1(x), y_2(x), y_3(x)$.

16. Let $u(x)$ be any non-trivial solution of $u'' + q(x)u = 0$, where $q(x) > 0$ for all $x > 0$. Show that if $\int_1^{\infty} q(x)dx < \infty$, then $u(x)$ has infinitely many zeros on the positive x -axis.
17. A curve in the first quadrant joins $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$ and has a given area beneath it. Show that the shortest such curve is an arc of a circle.

Part C

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

Answer any two questions.
Each question carries 5 weightage.

18. (a) Solve Legendre's equation $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$, where p is a constant.
- (b) Show that equation $4x^2y'' - 8x^2y' + (4x^2 + 1)y = 0$ has only one Frobenius series solution and find it.
19. (a) Derive Rodrigue's formula for Legendre polynomials; $P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$.
- (b) Obtain $J_p(x)$, the Bessel function of first kind of order p .
20. (a) Find the general solution of the system :
- $$\frac{dx}{dt} = 4x - 2y, \frac{dy}{dt} = 5x + 2y.$$
- (b) Find the critical points and the differential equation of the paths of the system :
- $$\frac{dx}{dt} = y(x^2 + 1); \frac{dy}{dt} = 2xy^2.$$
- (a) Let $f(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ be continuous functions of x and y on a closed rectangle R with sides parallel to the axes. If (x_0, y_0) is any interior point of R , then show that there exists a number $h > 0$ with the property that the initial value problem $y' = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$ has one solution $y = y(x)$ on the interval $|x - x_0| \leq h$.
- (b) Show that if $y(x)$ is a non-trivial solution of $y'' + q(x)y = 0$, then $y(x)$ has an infinite number of positive zeros if $q(x) > \frac{k}{x^2}$ for some $k > \frac{1}{4}$.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)